

Message

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: 3/6/2018 8:32:14 AM
To: Reinhart, Roger [Reinhart.Roger@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: PFAS in the vicinity of Washington Works facility

Mr Reinhart,

Thank you for your timely reply, I really appreciate your time in answering questions for me. This has made me realize that the current system we have in place is a broken one and one that is reactive instead of proactive. I realize the problems associated with manpower, funding, and time management. I spent 13 years in the military and understand what its like to work for the government. I have taken the time to visit one of the affected public water supplies that Chemours is required to maintain filters for the PFOA's. Although it did take away concerns it also brought up more. These water supplies are only as reliable as the poeple that operate them and test them. You see I as well am a plant operator that operates in similiar ways as these water supplies except we fall under the FDA and there are several things we must do in order to prevent and detect contamination. The problem lies in the detection, as a perfect example, last summer our water was contaminated with fecal colliform. We as customers did not find out until 2 months after the fact. Corrective action, absolutly nothing. This is ridiculous to say the least as well as allowing a company that for decades decieved its employees and citizens after knowing that it was harmful, to turn in their own testing samples. Conflict of interest! Chemours/Dupont has employed a lot of families over the years and I dont want them to go away. So, why can't we have both, clean water and industry? Lastly about the bottled water. There was a miscommunication, no one ever provided water for me or anyone else in this community. I have bought my own bottled water since 2007. 2007 i know for a fact that the water supply was contaminated but yet no one was ever provided bottled water or informed for that matter except from a lawsuit against dupont and the C8 panel. That was criminal. Again I appreciate your time. Im not going to lie ive have lost my faith in the EPA and dont really see the value in it, especially when it really doesnt prevent anything and allows way to much room for human error.

Respectfully,

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On Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:35 AM, "Reinhart, Roger" <Reinhart.Roger@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Jones,

This is in response to your recent email to the U.S. EPA concerning the presence of perfluorinated compounds in the drinking water supplies in your area. As you are aware, DuPont and now Chemours have manufactured Teflon at their Washington Works facility just west of Parkersburg, WV. The processing aid PFOA had been used in this process and was released into the environment for several decades. EPA issued a series of emergency Orders to DuPont and Chemours requiring the corporations to assess the PFOA contamination and to provide alternate water or treatment to impacted drinking water supplies. DuPont/Chemours has subsequently provided treatment or alternate water to numerous public and private water supplies. In your email you question why DuPont/Chemours should be allowed to conduct the PFOA testing. Typically, when EPA requires sampling information from an operator, the operator conducts the sampling and provides for the analysis. EPA simply does not have the resources to sample and analyze the thousands of samples that have been taken. In the past, EPA has taken "split samples" at this site and the results were found to be similar to those taken by DuPont. DuPont and Chemours have used a laboratory that has been certified for PFOA testing, one used by EPA. It should be noted that any operator determined to have submitted fraudulent information is subject to stiff penalties, including imprisonment.

In your email, you expressed concern about school children that may be consuming contaminated water at their schools. EPA has required DuPont and Chemours to sample all public water supplies

in the general area surrounding the Washington Works facility. Any system determined to have endangering levels of PFOA would be treated to remove the compound. DuPont/Chemours is currently treating seven public water supplies for PFOA in West Virginia and Ohio.

Finally, you indicated that you are currently receiving bottled water. However, it is not clear if this action was a result of elevated PFOA in your drinking water supply. If DuPont/Chemours tested your water and determined it to have endangering levels of PFOA, they would be required to provide you with alternate water, treatment or connection to a "safe" public water supply. AECOM, consultant for DuPont/Chemours has been implementing these activities.

If you have any questions concerning these issues, please send me an email or call me at 215-814-5462.

Sincerely,

Roger Reinhart
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U.S. EPA Region 3